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1. Following the "liberation" of Canton, two hundred residents were asked the question, phrased in several forms, "Do you like the new regime?" A negative response was received from 91 percent of those questioned, who gave the following reasons for their reaction:

- a. There is no public security, and robberies are rampant in the city.
- b. Earnings are less than under the Nationalist regime and life is much harder.

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2. A [redacted] earned 10 piculs of rice a month, in addition to the illegal income he earned by permitting the flow of smuggled goods. Now [redacted] railway employees are given 3 catties of rice a day, which amounts to 90 catties a month. This is less than a picul, and the cost of living is 50 to 100 percent higher than before.

3. Students are instructed to report on corruptions and are sent to investigate every phase of a citizen's life. About forty university students in Canton left school to enroll for a "special agents" course.

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